

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meeting of September 12, 2006

One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, California

SPECIAL MEETINGS

CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, potential litigation: One Case.
- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Terry Belanger, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54957.6: BPOA

Attended by Councilmembers Feierbach, Warden, Dickenson, Lieberman, Mathewson, Interim City Manager Belanger, City Attorney Zafferano (Item B only), Finance Director Fil (Item A only), Community Development Director de Melo (Item A only), Interim Human Resources Director Sam (Item B only), Redevelopment Attorney Lee Rosenthal (Item A only). City Clerk Cook was excused from attending.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 6:25 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

This meeting not tape recorded or videotaped.

STUDY SESSION - 6:30 P.M.

Harbor Industrial Area (HIA) Annexation Study Session

Finance Director Fil stated that this session was designed to be informational only, and that no decisions would be made regarding annexation. He provided a background of the Harbor Industrial Area (HIA), including a description of the property.

Frank Fuller, Field Paoli Architects, described the evaluation made of the Harbor Industrial Area using various levels of intensifications of use. He included development factors for each.

Jerry Keyser, Keyser Martson & Associates, outlined economic factors of the various use intensifications, including property, sales, and potential transit occupancy tax, should motel/hotel use be included.

Andrea Ouse, LSA Associates, outlined the annexation process through the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Councilmember Lieberman stated that the subcommittee, of which he is a member, has had productive discussions over the past four or five months, and he looks forward to receiving additional information and hearing from others regarding this issue.

Finance Director Fil suggested involving the Finance and Planning Commissions in this process. He outlined a potential schedule for future meetings and discussions, and noted this schedule remains flexible.

Sue Korn, Finance Commission Chair, stated that although no analysis has been made of the information presented, this issue addresses the City's goals of economic development and revenue diversification. She noted that the Finance Commission would be available to assist in further evaluation of the data.

Howard Jones, HIA property owner, commented regarding the difficult prior annexation process. It is important to build a healthy relationship with the HIA. He continues to support the resolution regarding non-hostile annexation that was adopted by a previous City Council. He also supports the process of the current discussions. He noted that Mr. Kersnar, former City Manager, had restored credibility in Belmont, but noted he was no longer with the City. He pledged that he would not fight or attack unless attacked. He knows how to fight, which could be costly.

Bob Ledoux, Belmont resident, stated that the City should not pass up the opportunity to annex this property. There are many people available to assist in analyzing the data. Belmont missed an opportunity to annex Redwood Shores, and now experiences all the traffic with none of the benefits.

Mark Lockenmeyer, San Mateo resident, stated that his clients in the HIA were concerned regarding land use and the annexation. He questioned whether the environmental impact report for the proposed hospital in San Carlos was taken into consideration for this proposal. There have been issues with Belmont zoning in the past. He expressed concern regarding current uses.

Doug Finney, on behalf of Baymont Property/B&G Developers, stated that he manages property adjacent to the trailer park. Belmont has a reputation of being anti-business. Any development may affect the trailer park.

Councilmember Feierbach summarized conversations she has had with Mr. Jones in the past regarding land use in the HIA, and the potential for similarities to 4th Street in Berkeley. She supports the status quo regarding the HIA property if that is what the owners desire. She does not support eminent domain. Belmont's business image has improved in recent years. Businesses on Old County Road have been left alone. Proposition 90 on the November ballot could impact the unincorporated HIA property, and she noted the property owners may not like what gets developed should it pass, since the County's ordinances are less restrictive. The proposed hospital in San Carlos may have an affect on the HIA. She supports the ongoing process of the HIA subcommittee. She noted that LAFCO ultimately needs to approve the annexation, and it is up to the landowners if they want to annex, and have something to gain by doing so.

Councilmember Warden stated that Belmont has much to offer. He does not want to impose annexation if it is not wanted. He clarified that he has never stated he would force annexation. He commented that a consultant has been hired to study a number of properties throughout the Redevelopment Area, not just in the HIA. He commented that the HIA has seen Belmont in a bad light in the past, but Belmont is in good shape now.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that there are more substantive issues to discuss in this process. There is a potential gain if everyone works cooperatively. There have been productive discussions through the subcommittee over the past several months. He recognizes the long and contentious history of annexation of the HIA. He recommended an additional daytime study session, which was requested by several of the property owners. Annexation makes sense for everyone, but there is no rush. It is important to have a meeting of the minds. He believes it is in both the City's and the property owners' interests to annex, and he pledges to find a way to make it work.

Mayor Mathewson stated that the process is moving slowly forward. The final decision is ultimately up to the property owners, and he does not support forcing annexation.

Council concurred to have the subcommittee continue its work, and to hold an additional Study Session at a future date to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT of this Special Meeting, at this time, being 7:30 P.M.

Terri Cook
Belmont City Clerk

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REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Feierbach, Lieberman, Dickenson, Warden, Mathewson

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: None

Staff Present: Interim City Manager Belanger, City Attorney Zafferano, Community Development Director de Melo, Police Chief Mattei, Finance Director Fil, City Clerk Cook.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Mathewson stated that direction was given but no action taken at the Closed Sessions held earlier. He noted that Item B (BPOA Negotiations) would be continued to the end of the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Swearing In of new Police Officers, Bret Mueller and Stephen Parker

Police Chief Mattei stated that the Oath of Office is a contract with the community. He noted that police officers must balance professional life with personal life, and they respond without fanfare to every call.

The two officers being sworn represent a new generation and the future of the department. He is proud to be the Chief of Police. He provided a background of each officer, and introduced their families.

City Clerk Cook administered the Oath of Office.

Chief Mattei noted that the Police Department recently received a safety award, largely as a result of the efforts of Officer Lotti.

Police Officer Lotti presented the award to the Mayor and City Council. He stated that the award was given for innovative techniques and effectiveness in the area of traffic safety. Belmont received the award because of a number of processes in place, such as the lighted crosswalks, the child safety seat inspection service, and the pedestrian decoy program. Because of these programs there has not been a fatality in many years. Belmont placed third in California and first in the Golden Gate division for this award.

RECESS: 7:50

RECONVENE: 7:52

South Bay Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) committee specification recommendations for the next waste management contract hauler and Shoreway facility operator

Public Works Director Davis stated that this presentation was the beginning of the five-year process for a new off-site facility agreement for the South Bay Waste Management Authority (SBWMA).

Tracy Swanborn, Hilton Farnkoff, provided an overview of the five-year process for a new off-site facility agreement. She reviewed the program choices, and noted that most are designed to enhance service. She outlined the process for selecting a vendor, including contract consideration and commitments, code of conduct, labor issues, and facility ownership by SBWMA.

In response to Council questions, Ms. Swanborn advised that a new franchise agreement for Belmont would need to be approved by September 30, 2009, for full implementation by January 1, 2011.

Discussion ensued regarding automation. Ms. Swanborn stated that most cities have transitioned to automated systems, which have resulted in fewer injuries to workers because they no longer need to lift trash bins.

In response to Councilmember Warden's questions regarding cost savings, Ms. Swanborn clarified that a new contractor may have ideas on more cost savings. Proposed vendors will need to present their information.

Councilmember Feierbach expressed concern regarding health issues related to trash sitting all day in front of properties, and requested that this concern be forwarded to the committee. She also expressed a desire to reward those who recycle and divert their waste. Public Works Director Davis responded that current rates reward recycling.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that a one percent decrease in rates for going from a two-person to a one-person truck was not much savings. Ms. Swanborn responded that this actually results in a 10 percent reduction in rates, but other costs and profits offset the difference.

Shelly Kessler, San Mateo Central Labor Council Representative, stated she represents many unions. She warned to beware of a low-ball bidder. Prevailing wage, worker retention, and community familiarity are important considerations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Husman, on behalf of Ray Goodrich of Bonnie Brae Terrace, commented that the City of Dublin had recently passed an ordinance declaring second-hand smoke to be a public nuisance, and she requested that Belmont consider such an ordinance. She described a fire at the facility caused by a smoker. Bonnie Brae made the facility non-smoking but grandfathered in the smokers. She commented regarding violations. Smokers are protected, but non-smokers have to move. There is no cost to the city to enact a similar ordinance.

Ron Denman, President, Belmont Chamber of Commerce, described the activities to be held during the upcoming Festival in the Park. He noted this was a “green” festival, and vendors were requested to use recyclable products.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Warden noted that the ballots for the upcoming Belmont Fire Protection District assessment election would be mailed to property owners on September 29th. He noted that the fire department had recently been reorganized to form a new Joint Powers Agreement, there was a new fire chief, a new labor agreement, and a truck company had been added.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that trash rates were recently increased by 25 percent, but a notice was not included in the billing, as planned. He noted the problems with the recent parking changes at Carlmont High School, and credited staff regarding its rapid response to associated traffic problems.

Councilmember Dickenson thanked Public Works Director Davis for getting the weeds cut near the Highway 101 freeway.

Mayor Mathewson introduced Interim City Manager Belanger. He announced that City Council meetings were now being webstreamed. He noted that the trash rates were approved at a public hearing. A letter should have been included with the new bills. Staff will follow up on this matter. He recommended that residents contact Allied Waste to seek information on ways to reduce their trash bills.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of July 25, 2006, Special Meeting of August 4, 2006, Special and Regular Meeting of August 8, 2006, and Special Meeting of August 16, 2006 (Joint Meeting with Finance Commission).

Acceptance of Written Communication: 1) Received August 10, 2006, from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Notice of Two Application Filings by PG&E; 2) Received August 28, 2006, from the PUC, Notice of Application to recover costs incurred to study feasibility of obtaining electric power from British Columbia

Approval of Resolution 9607 Approving a Permanent Encroachment Agreement for Replacement of a Retaining Wall within the Public Right-of-Way at 3266 and 3272 Lori Drive

Approval of Resolution 9608 Adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Approval of Resolution 9609 Approving Plans and Specifications, Authorizing Advertisement for Sealed Bids, Approving Award of Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for an Amount not to Exceed \$100,000, Approving a Construction Contingency not to Exceed \$10,000, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Lyall Way Storm Trench Drain Project, City Contract Number 479

Approval of Resolution 9610 Authorizing the City of Belmont Employees to Become Volunteer Poll Workers in the Peninsula Democracy Corps (PDC) Program

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Dickenson, seconded by Councilmember Feierbach, the Consent agenda was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

HEARINGS

Ordinance amending Chapter 2-162 of the Belmont Municipal Code Relating to Planning Commission Call-Up Authority

City Attorney Zafferano stated that one item was missed during the recent amendment of Chapter 2 to include duties of the Planning Commission, and this new ordinance seeks to address that issue.

Mayor Mathewson opened the Public Hearing. No one came forward to speak.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Warden, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, the Public Hearing was unanimously closed by a show of hands.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Warden, seconded by Councilmember Feierbach, and unanimously approved by a show of hands to introduce by title an ordinance amending Chapter 2-162 of the Belmont Municipal Code Relating to Planning Commission Call-Up Authority, waive further reading, and set second reading and adoption for September 26, 2006.

RECESS: 8:45 P.M.

RECONVENE: 8:50 P.M.

Public Hearing to consider General Plan and Zoning Ordinance amendments regarding establishment of a slope/density requirement for new subdivisions in the R-1A, R-1B, and R-1C (single family residential) zoning districts

City Attorney Zafferano stated that some members of the City Council may have a conflict of interest that would preclude them from participating in the discussion of this item. He noted that a quorum of the City Council is required to conduct business, and should recusals result in the lack of a quorum, a sufficient number of members would need to be brought back to the dais by drawing names.

Councilmember Feierbach stated that she lives within 500 feet of a parcel affected by this ordinance, and she owns property that may be subject to this ordinance. She stepped off the dais.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he lives within 500 feet of a parcel affected by this ordinance. He stepped off the dais.

Councilmember Warden stated that he lives within 500 feet of a parcel affected by this ordinance. He commented that he does not feel conflicted, since this ordinance affects most properties in Belmont, but he was following the advice of the City Attorney by recusing himself from the discussion. He stepped off the dais.

Mayor Mathewson stated that there is not sufficient time to receive written advice from the Fair Political Practices Commission in time to address the conflict of interest issue. He lives within 500 feet of a parcel affected by this ordinance. He stepped off the dais.

City Clerk Cook displayed a box that contained 20 copies of each conflicted Councilmembers' names. She drew the names of Councilmember Lieberman and Mayor Mathewson.

Councilmember Lieberman and Mayor Mathewson returned to the dais.

City Attorney Zafferano clarified that although the recused members are required to leave the Chambers, they are entitled to return to the Chambers to speak as a citizen on this matter.

Councilmembers Feierbach and Warden left the Chambers.

Community Development Director de Melo reviewed the recent Planning Commission action regarding this issue. Alternative “A” was recommended, which sets the minimum lot size for subdivision at 10,000 square feet, which increases incrementally by slope. He reviewed the Zoning Text and General Plan amendments, with associated findings, necessary to implement this new standard. He noted that approximately 86 parcels out of 5,700 are potentially affected by this ordinance in the R-1(A), (B), and (C) zoning districts. He clarified this ordinance affects new subdivisions only.

In response to Councilmember Lieberman, Community Development Director de Melo outlined similar restrictions in other Bay Area communities. He noted some are more restrictive than what is proposed for Belmont, but that slope is a factor in all, and the 10,000 square foot minimum lot size is within the character of other cities.

Also in response to Councilmember Lieberman’s question regarding setting the minimum lot size of 10,000 square feet when some lots in Belmont are smaller, Community Development Director de Melo reviewed the Planning Commission’s discussion regarding this issue. The Commission expressed concerns regarding larger homes being built on smaller lots. Impacts include setback, height, bulk, and parking. This ordinance is an opportunity to set a larger lot size.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that these issues appear to address development standards, not hillside protection, especially on lots with less than a 15 percent slope. Community Development Director de Melo responded that site planning of a subdivision is an important consideration in determining the feasibility of the subdivision. All of these factors have a cumulative effect.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that if 5,000 or 6,000 square feet is too small of a lot, this should be addressed by setting minimum lot sizes for the zoning district. City Attorney Zafferano responded that other cities have done this, thus creating nonconforming lots, resulting in the potential for more applications for exceptions and variances.

Mayor Mathewson opened the Public Hearing.

Steven Lesley, on behalf of a Belmont property owner, stated he opposes the ordinance as too radical. He recommended a compromise to make it more reasonable. A soils report is required to ascertain geotechnical stability. Floor area ratios are already limited by the maximum square feet allowed. He supports the overall goals of the ordinance.

Paul Matiasic, attorney for Belmont property owner, stated that the public has not had adequate time to weigh in on this issue. He stated that property owners have constitutional rights.

Anthony Matiasic, Belmont resident, stated his property is affected by this ordinance. He has submitted plans for a subdivision and expects to abide by the rules now in effect. He does not support the proposed ordinance.

Krista Kuehnhackl, Belmont resident, stated she supported Measure F, and supports the proposed ordinance. There are parking and traffic issues. You cannot get open space back.

Andrew Peters, Belmont resident, stated that Belmont is a well-managed city. He supports the ordinance. Many of the affected lots are old paper lots. Belmont contains high-value homes, and it is now desirable to build on these lots. More homes bring more vehicles and more traffic. Variances are available.

Barry Lake, Belmont resident, expressed support for the ordinance. Citizens spoke about open space by passing Measure F, and the spirit of that measure applies to the proposed ordinance. He does not want to shoehorn houses into postage stamp properties.

Haven Dubrul, Belmont resident, supports the ordinance. She moved to Belmont for its open space.

Will Dubrul, Belmont resident, does not wish to see development on every lot. He surveyed his neighbors and collected two dozen signatures on a petition (on file with the City Clerk's office) in support of this ordinance.

Jan Huss, Belmont resident, stated that others are enjoying someone else's property. The ordinance discriminates against those who own large lots. She does not support the ordinance.

Risa Horowitz, Belmont resident, stated that people moved to Belmont for its open space, not to see it filled with homes. She supported Measure F. She cited many landslides in California, and noted this is a safety and liability issue.

Rob Applegate, San Carlos resident, recommended against the ordinance. There is a need for consistency, and these affected property owners should not be held to a different standard. He recommended dealing with home size. This ordinance could result in inconsistent lot sizes next to each other.

Leland Osborn, Belmont resident, stated that everyone wants open space. The City should buy the properties. He does not support the ordinance.

Andrew Williams, Belmont resident, stated that more houses affect the roads. He supports the ordinance.

Dave Warden, Belmont resident, clarified that he was speaking as a resident, not as a City Council member. He conducted a telephone survey in 1997 regarding traffic, open space preservation, and limiting excess development. Many actions have been taken since to address these issues, such as floor area definitions, zoning standards, and the lot merger. Not everyone will be happy no matter what is done. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended this ordinance. If the full City Council were considering this ordinance, a majority would support it.

(Mr. Warden left the Chambers following his comments.)

Shante Adam, Belmont resident, recommended against the ordinance.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Dickenson, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, the Public Hearing was unanimously closed by a show of hands (3-0, Warden/Feierbach recused).

Councilmember Lieberman stated that good points were made on both sides. He would like more time to consider this issue. He is generally supportive of the ordinance, but has concerns regarding the table outlining slope and lot sizes, and cannot support it as proposed. Properties of 1-15 percent slope do not address the slope density issue, but affect development standards. It may be a good thing to eliminate lots of 5,000 square feet. He can support controls on lots with larger slopes. This issue has been fast-tracked, but there may be negative consequences if Proposition 90 does not pass. He supports open space.

Councilmember Dickenson stated that Measure F addressed open space, not residential zoning. The proposed ordinance addresses private property, not open space. The issue is density. He noted that he was the only Planning Commissioner to vote against the recent Monte Cresta Drive project. He does not support a fast-tracked ordinance. There has been minimal noticing. He recommended continuing this item for further discussion.

In response to Mayor Mathewson, City Attorney Zafferano clarified that the same three councilmembers would remain in place for any subsequent discussion regarding this matter.

Mayor Mathewson stated that Measure F was originally considered for other zoning districts, but was narrowed down to affect only the HRO (hillside residential open space) district in order to avoid a legal challenge. Those voters spoke strongly to keep development at a minimum. He cited other actions taken regarding this issue, such as the lot merger. Ralston Avenue has a traffic problem. Most of the 86 potentially affected lots have steep slopes. The Planning Commission recommended something less restrictive than what was initially proposed. He noted the State of Oregon passed a measure similar to Proposition 90 and now regrets it, as there have been numerous lawsuits filed. The deadline will not be met if this matter is continued. This matter addresses not just the will of the community, but the values as well.

Councilmember Dickenson commended the Planning Commission for taking a conservative approach, and noted they reached consensus. Out of respect for the recused councilmembers, he wishes to move this ordinance along, but recommended notifying affected property owners.

City Attorney Zafferano stated that adoption (second reading) of an ordinance must be at a regular meeting of the City Council, not a special meeting. He described the timeline necessary to meet the deadline for this ordinance prior to the November election. He noted that this matter was brought up at a regular meeting to maximize notice. A special meeting may create the appearance of expedition.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that he has an open mind regarding this issue. He recommended the construction of three tables rather than one, to address each of the zoning districts. Restrictions on lots with more than 16 percent slope may be feasible.

Community Development Director de Melo stated that any ordinance could be amended after Proposition 90, if it passes, as long as it is less punitive. The table may need to be adjusted later.

Councilmember Lieberman supported exempting the properties for which applications had already been made for subdivision. Community Development Director de Melo stated that the City has one active application on file, and a second one was received today, both of which have paid fees. Neither application has been deemed complete.

Councilmember Dickenson stated he could support an exemption for the applications already received.

City Attorney Zafferano stated that a specific date would need to be selected for exemption, and it should be limited only to those who have submitted an application, not just made inquiries.

In response to Councilmember Dickenson's comments regarding notification of affected property owners, City Attorney Zafferano stated that it is a policy decision whether to notify beyond the statutory requirement. He noted that all properties could be affected by this ordinance, not just the 86 lots in question. Councilmember Dickenson recommended a courtesy notice.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for three tables for addressing slopes in each zoning district.

Councilmember Lieberman stated he would need visit properties to get a sense of lot and slope size. He respects the need for this ordinance, but needs to feel comfortable with the issue if he is to take action on legislation.

MEETING EXTENSION at this time, being 10:30 p.m., on a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Dickenson, the meeting was unanimously extended for 30 minutes by a show of hands (3-0, Warden/Feierbach recused).

Mayor Mathewson stated he would support a table starting with 11 percent slope.

Councilmember Dickenson stated he supports continuing this matter to a date certain to meet the deadline for this ordinance. He supports only one table.

Mayor Mathewson responded that there may be a need for more than one. He recommended starting points for each table as follows: R-1(A), 10,000 square feet; R-1(B), 7,500 square feet; and R-1(C), 6000 square feet.

Council concurred to use these as starting points for a new table. Council also concurred to set the deadline for potential grandfathering in of existing applications at 5:00 p.m. today's date, September 12, 2006. Council also concurred to break up the 1-15 percent slope to two categories: 1-10 percent and 11-15 percent.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Dickenson, seconded by Councilmember Lieberman, the Public Hearing was unanimously continued to a Special Meeting of September 20, 2006 by a show of hands (3-0, Warden/Feierbach recused).

Councilmember Feierbach returned to the dais. Councilmember Warden left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Direction on Flashner Lane and the Belmont Village Driveway Ralston Avenue

Public Works Director Davis described vehicular turning issues affecting both driveways. He noted that Flashner Lane is a public street, and the Belmont Village Center is private. He noted that the City owns only the footprint on which the Emmett House sits. He described options to consider for each driveway.

Councilmember Lieberman stated that the problem at the Village Center is egress out. He supported prohibiting exiting from that driveway, but allowing ingress.

In response to Councilmember Dickenson, Public Works Director Davis stated that the Conditional Use Permit for the Village Center would need to be reviewed, and the property owner contacted, depending on direction of Council on this issue.

Council concurred to pursue restricting egress from the Belmont Village Center driveway.

Councilmember Lieberman expressed support for closing Flashner Lane completely, or making it one way in.

Councilmember Feierbach expressed concern that this could be perceived as business-unfriendly, and would be concerned about closing it completely.

Council concurred to pursue restricting Flashner Lane to ingress only.

MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

Consideration of Financial Analysis of Net Revenue Gain or Loss as a Result of Belmont's proposed annexation of the Harbor Industrial Area (Feierbach)

Councilmember Feierbach stated that she would like the Finance Commission to review the financial information developed for the potential annexation of the HIA.

Council concurred to have the Finance Commission review this information.

To Restore the Parking Lane on the First Block on Westbound Ralston Avenue Between El Camino and 6th Ave (Feierbach).

Councilmember Feierbach recommended the removal of the two-way left turn lane in this block and the restoration of parking on the north side.

Councilmember Dickenson stated that additional parking would be desirable, but expressed concern regarding the elimination of the lane, especially during commute hours.

Council concurred to pursue this matter.

To Restore the Crosswalk on Ralston Avenue Between El Camino and 6th Ave. (similar to 4th Avenue in San Mateo between El Camino and Ellsworth) (Feierbach)

Councilmember Feierbach recommended the restoration of the mid-block crosswalk to create a more pedestrian-friendly downtown.

Councilmember Dickenson supported this idea, and noted that people still cross mid-block.

Councilmember Lieberman expressed concern, and noted this may not be a good place for a crosswalk. This could create a backup of vehicles. He supported having the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) review this issue.

Council concurred to have the PTSC review this matter.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 10:55 p.m., to Continued Closed Session (Item B continued from earlier)

CONTINUED CLOSED SESSION

- B. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Terry Belanger, pursuant to Government Code Section No. 54957.6: BPOA

Attended by Councilmembers Feierbach, Dickenson, Lieberman, Mathewson, Interim City Manager Belanger, City Attorney Zafferano, Interim Human Resources Director Sam. Councilmember Warden was absent. City Clerk Cook was excused from attending.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 11:10 p.m. this special meeting was Adjourned.

Terri Cook
Belmont City Clerk

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